



### AUTHORITY RELEASES DRAFT BUSINESS PLAN FOR COMMENT

#### Recommends proceeding to EIR phase

The California High-Speed Rail Authority has released its draft business plan, "Building a High-Speed Train System for California." The 59-page plan synthesizes two years of technical work into a practical approach for constructing, operating and funding a high-speed train system.

Calling the system a "smart investment in mobility...(and)...an evolutionary step for transportation in California," the Authority determined that a high-speed train network "is a good fit for what California is today and will become in the future. The initial work necessary to proceed with this project should begin as soon as possible."

In particular, the Authority is recommending that the Governor and Legislature take the following actions:

- Initiate a formal environmental clearance process with a state-level program Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/federal-level Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The financial commitment required to initiate environmental clearance is \$25 million over the next two years. If the project is deemed viable at the conclusion of this phase, an additional \$350 million would be required over the following three to four years to achieve full environmental clearance and a 30 percent

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#### Recommended routes to be studied in the environmental process



### AUTHORITY SCHEDULES FIRST WAVE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

#### First meeting in Sacramento a Great Success

To gain the input of Californians and interested stakeholders about the draft business plan, the Authority has scheduled the following public workshops. These workshops represent the first wave of workshops to be held in communities along the proposed corridor.

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### HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY REVISED MEETING SCHEDULE

#### Mark Your Calendars

(All meetings start at 10 a.m.)

- February 16, 2000 Irvine City Hall
- March 22, 2000 San Francisco
- April 19, 2000 location TBA
- May 17, 2000 location TBA
- June 21, 2000 location TBA
- July 19, 2000 location TBA
- August 16, 2000 location TBA
- September 20, 2000 location TBA
- October 18, 2000 location TBA

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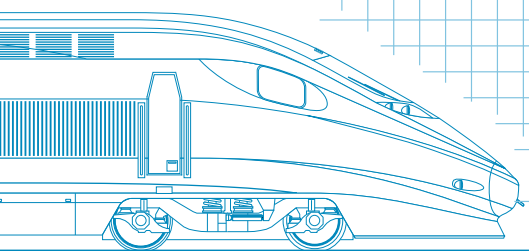
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The Authority consists of nine members: five appointed by the Governor, two appointed by the Senate Rules Committee, and two by the Speaker of the Assembly. The members are:

- Michael E. Tennenbaum, Chair
- Edward P. Graveline, Vice Chair
- Donna Lee Andrews
- Dr. Ernest A. Bates
- Jerry B. Epstein
- James R. Mills
- John P. Fowler
- William E. Leonard
- T.J. (Tom) Stapleton



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level of engineering design. The Authority, or its successor, would then have the option to entertain proposals from the private sector to enter into design-build contracts and a franchise with the private sector to operate and maintain the system.

■ Increase funding and accelerate planning and programming for intercity and commuter rail improvements that can provide enhanced, higher-speed service to Californians earlier and ultimately become part of the high-speed train network.

■ Begin an aggressive statewide effort to increase federal funding for both conventional and high-speed trains in California. In addition, this effort should include working with the Federal Railroad Administration and high-speed train manufacturers to resolve safety and compliance issues.

■ Encourage state, regional and local entities to include high-speed trains in their planning for the future.

Over the next three months, the Authority will conduct public workshops to gather public comment about the draft business plan. Following the workshops, the Authority will finalize the business plan and submit it to the Governor and Legislature.

Copies of the draft business plan are available at the Authority's website, [www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov](http://www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov), or by walk-in or mail order through the California Department of General Services, Materials Management, 1700 National Drive, Sacramento, CA 95834. Ask for item #7540-910-1200-0.

ASSEMBLY MEMBER  
FLOREZ AND SENATOR  
COSTA INTRODUCE HIGH-  
SPEED TRAIN LEGISLATION

On January 3, 2000 Assembly Member Dean Florez (D-Shafter) and Senator Jim Costa (D-Fresno) introduced legislation, AB 1703, to require the California High-Speed Rail Authority to prepare a program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on the statewide high-speed train system.

In addition, AB 1703 instructs the Authority to work with the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency to "develop and implement a strategy to maximize federal funding for the high-speed train network and the complementary, conventional train improvements."

The legislation also would stagger the terms of Authority members and delete the sunset provision in the Authority's enabling legislation.



WORKSHOPS CONTINUED

January 20	Sacramento Convention Center	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
January 27	Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority Auditorium, San Jose	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
February 9	Fresno (site TBA)	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
February 16	Irvine City Hall	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
February 25	San Diego (site TBA)	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

As the Authority works with various local transportation agencies on the logistics of the workshops, dates, times and locations may change. Please check the status of workshops on the Authority's website at [www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov](http://www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov).

